



**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Board's confirmation of abatement enforcement cost charges enables the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (the "Fire Department") to assess parcels in Los Angeles County which were declared to be a seasonal recurrent public nuisance due to excessive hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation, and which required hazard abatement enforcement by the Fire Department.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Hazard abatement enforcement is necessary to ensure abatement of fire hazards on parcels that are not in compliance. Enforcement of compliance on improved parcels is the responsibility of the Fire Department and is required by Part 5, Division 12 of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922, inclusive, and your Board's action on January 14, 2003 which approved these costs for non-compliant declared improved parcels. These costs, \$231.00 per parcel, are the costs established by previous Board action on January 21, 1997 and do not include an increase per parcel. Confirmation of the abatement enforcement cost charges will allow the Fire Department to recover costs for enforcement action beyond our annual inspection program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no net County cost in confirming the abatement enforcement cost charges. Confirmation of the abatement enforcement cost charges allows for partial recovery of the Fire Department expenditures for hazard abatement enforcement.

**FINANCING:**

Confirmation of abatement enforcement cost charges does not affect the net County cost.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Abatement activities will be taken against improved properties not in compliance and found by inspection to be a seasonal recurrent nuisance due to hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation, including native and ornamental vegetation, which require Fire Department abatement enforcement action to provide fire protection to existing structures and adjacent properties under the provisions of Part 5, Division 12 of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922 inclusive.

The attached report contains an itemized account of abatement enforcement charges. Before the report is submitted to the Board for confirmation, a copy of the report shall be posted for at least three days on or near the Board's chamber door with a notice of the time when the report will be submitted to the Board for public hearing on confirmation.

A copy of the report, as confirmed, shall be turned over to the Auditor of the County, on or before the eighth (8th) day of August following such confirmation. The Auditor will enter the amounts of the respective assessments against respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
July 3, 2003  
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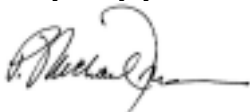
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):**

The recovery of abatement enforcement costs is vital to the ongoing operation governing the identification and abatement of those properties that constitute a public nuisance and endanger the public safety.

**CONCLUSION:**

When confirmed, the Fire Department requires one (1) copy of the Board's action.

Very truly yours,



P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachments

c:     Louisa Ollague  
        Randi Tahara  
        Joseph Charney  
        Matt Knabe  
        Jennifer Weston Plaisted  
        Chief Administrative Officer  
        Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
        Auditor-Controller

REPORT ON COST OF ABATING HAZARDOUS VEGETATION

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Supervisors:

Pursuant to an order heretofore made by your Honorable Board instructing the Fire Department to enforce abatement of hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation under the provisions of Part 5, Division 12, of the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 14875 to 14922, inclusive, we respectfully submit for confirmation by your Honorable Board on July 22, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., the following report on the cost of abatement enforcement showing the cost of abatement enforcement on each separate lot or parcel of land, to-wit:

(see attached report titled 'ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT COST CHARGES')

Respectfully submitted,

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P. MICHAEL FREEMAN  
FIRE CHIEF

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES        )

JOHN R. TODD, Assistant Chief, Forestry, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, Section Manager of the Brush Clearance Unit of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, being duly sworn says:

That on or before the 16th day of July 2003, he posted or caused to be posted, on or near the chamber door of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, the cost of hazardous vegetation abatement enforcement services on each and every parcel described in the attached report titled 'Abatement Enforcement Cost Charges,' of which the annexed is a true copy thereof, setting the 22nd day of July 2003, at 9:30 a.m., as the date upon which said report is to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles for confirmation.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
John R. Todd  
Assistant Chief, Forestry

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

this 16th day of July, A.D., 2003

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

MAPBOOK	PAGE	PARCEL	TOTAL CHANGES
2007	002	008	231.00
2058	017	010	231.00
2526	012	039	231.00
2818	034	008	231.00
2833	002	040	231.00
2845	013	016	231.00
2845	029	023	231.00
2846	022	012	231.00
2848	007	002	231.00
3054	015	005	231.00
3060	028	033	231.00
3150	020	015	231.00
3212	018	066	231.00
3247	028	021	231.00
3251	012	020	231.00
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3251	013	039	231.00
3271	011	029	231.00
3277	008	016	231.00
4434	006	001	231.00
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4438	009	038	231.00
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4441	001	004	231.00
4441	001	019	231.00
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4441	021	010	231.00
4443	003	013	231.00
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4450	015	041	231.00
4453	034	008	231.00
4462	007	023	231.00
5658	015	009	231.00
5760	012	021	231.00
5760	016	014	231.00
5810	019	035	231.00

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5830	007	004	231.00
5843	014	004	231.00
5843	019	012	231.00
5860	034	030	231.00
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8702	009	049	231.00
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8734	023	018	231.00
8734	048	011	231.00
8764	018	003	231.00

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS CHARGED:	121
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TOTAL CHARGES:	\$27,951.00
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